

AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

Exchange of notes at Reykjavik January 27 and April 11, 1945
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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

REYKJAVÍK, January 27, 1945

MONSIEUR LE MINISTRE,

I have the honour to refer to our exchange of notes, dated today,¹ establishing an agreement between Iceland and the United States of America relating to air transport services.

Furthermore I wish to refer to our conversation concerning the said agreement, in which I expressed the desire, considering that Iceland is an intermediate point on the contemplated air route, to have an additional article included in the agreement to insure the transportation of passengers and mail to and from Iceland in both directions. However this question was not stressed, because Your Excellency assured me, that this was a matter, which might more properly be taken up separately, as it did not come within the scope of a general basic agreement, such as the one which just has been concluded between Iceland and the United States.

With reference to the aforesaid I have the honour to request, that through the good offices of the Legation, the Government of the United States arrange, that the operators of the airlines concerned transport Icelandic passengers and mail to and from Iceland in both directions, on an equal basis with nationals of other countries, and further that the charges for such transportation be fixed in proportion to the distances.

I have the honour to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

OLAFUR THORS

His Excellency

LOUIS G. DREYFUS,
Minister of the United States of America,
Reykjavik.

¹ EAS 463, *ante*, p. 1178.

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 220

REYKJAVIK, *April 11, 1945*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note dated January 22[27], 1945 requesting that the United States Government arrange that operators of the airlines concerned in the reciprocal air transport agreement concluded between Iceland and the United States on January 27, 1945 carry Icelandic passengers and mail to and from Iceland in both directions on an equal basis with nationals of other countries, and further that the charges for such transportation be fixed in proportion to the distances.

I have now been authorized by my Government to give you assurance that airlines of the United States, having the right to pick up and discharge international traffic under paragraph A of the annex to the above mentioned agreement, will offer reasonable commercial service for Icelandic traffic at the airport referred to in that paragraph provided that this undertaking shall not involve any discrimination between airlines of the United States and other countries operating on that same route, shall take into account the capacity of the aircraft, and shall be fulfilled in such a manner as not to prejudice the normal operations of the international air services concerned.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

FRANCIS L. SPALDING

His Excellency

OLAFUR THORS,

*Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Reykjavik.*